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1. Malenkov, Georgi Naximilyanovich

His present position is as follows: Malenkov worked in the Secretariat, ie., the Fifth Section of the Central Committee which reported directly and exclusively to Stalin, and all decisions, correspondence, and actually everything connected with governing the country was cleared through this section which was run by Malenkov. Poskrebyshev and Tovtucha, who later died, also worked in the same section. Poskrebyshev acted in the capacity of chief secretary whose primary function was to serve Stalin and to handle the technical side of the work. 25X1

2. Malenkov grew up in the technical work of the Party and selection of the cadres. All regional and city Party apparatus appointments came through his and Kaganovich's hands. Actually neither Stalin nor Kaganovich had enough time for the many details connected with this work; it was entrusted to Malenkov subject to their approval. Thus, Kaganovich and Malenkov were closely connected at that time and Kaganovich still continues the overall guidance of this important work of selecting Party workers. 25X1

3. Khrushchev, Nikita Sergeevich Without doubt Khrushchev is one of the functionaries originally discovered by Kaganovich. 25X1 25X1

4. Khrushchev is very sly. He is a Moscovite by origin, not a Ukrainian, and his cunningness is very primitive. He is a man who will not hesitate to resort to the most severe measures as may be required by circumstances. The personality of Khrushchev resembles greatly that of Kaganovich, although his is not of the same stature. Khrushchev is capable of arriving at independent decisions without referring to the Central Committee, Party, etc. It must be recalled that after Kastor, he spent fifteen years in the Ukraine

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where he directed both government and Party activities. Next to Leningrad this is the largest field of activity. He definitely played the first violin there and perhaps was even considered next to Stalin and Molotov in importance. Thus, the personality of Khrushchev is extremely interesting and very important inasmuch as the entire Party and government apparatus in the Ukraine is filled by his men. On the other hand, Khrushchev has no authority or influence in any of the other republics, or in the matters outside of the Party or the government.

5. His present position in the Presidium is such that he could be exploited by one group or another to serve its own ends. [ ] don't believe, however, 25X1 that he has a chance of advancing beyond his present position of Secretary of the Party.
6. It seems today that Khrushchev is following his own line and, therefore, 25X1 should not be considered as belonging to the Kaganovich group, although he definitely could be placed in the anti-Molotov group. If the Party today occupied the same position as it did in 1920-1937 period, [ ] Khrushchev would have become Stalin's successor, but the Party 25X1 has lost its previous dominant position since the adoption of the Stalin Constitution.
7. In spite of certain rumors, Khrushchev was never arrested during the great purge, but [ ] he himself was under suspicion and that 25X1 Yezhov was anxious to have him removed as he tried to remove Zhdanov in Leningrad, and other leaders such as Ordzhonikidze and Beria.

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